

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

The Remains of Turkey.

There are several appetising ways of dishing up the remains of the Christmas turkey. First it may be hashed in this manner: Mix some flour with a piece of butter, stir into it a little milk and gravy or stock, boil up, cut the turkey into pieces, add to the liquor and season with grated lemon peel, pepper, mushroom ketchup, and a few oysters, if procurable. Patties may be made by mixing the white part of the bird with lemon peel, nutmeg, salt, pepper, milk, and a little warmed butter. Put the mixture into patties and bake. Turkey for a pie should be laid with alternate rows of ham or bacon, seasoned well, and covered with a good plain crust. Another excellent dish is a pie made of minced turkey, covered with a crust of mashed potatoes over which some grated parmesan cheese has been sprinkled. Place a few pat of butter on top and bake in a hot oven.

Sage Pie.

Mix the yolks of a dozen eggs, 1 lb. of suet, 1 lb. bread crumbs, 100 gals. dried sage, 100 gals. sugar, 100 gals. of orange-flower water, 100 gals. of allspice, 1 lb. raisins, 1 lb. currants, and 12 sweet almonds together. Cover and bake till done, then serve with wine sauce. The sauce is made by boiling water with adding a little pounded loaf sugar, a glass of cooking sherry, and a few drops of brandy. Season with nutmeg and grated lemon peel.

Suet Dumplings.

Make a very light dough with flour, suet, and salt, adding a little water. Let it rise before the time for an hour. Twenty minutes before the dumplings are wanted, have ready a large stew pan of boiling water, form the dough into balls, throw them into the boiling water and cook for 20 minutes. To ascertain when they are done, plunge a fork into one; if it comes out without sticking, the dumplings are ready. Prior to serving, tear them apart with two forks, as they are rendered heavy by their own strain. Serve with butter and salt.

Spinach Pudding.

Scald and chop some spinach very fine, and add 200 gals. of biscuit soaked in milk, the beaten yolks of 4 eggs, a few ounces of melted butter, with salt, nutmeg, and sugar to taste. Beat it all up together, set it over the fire in a saucepan until stiff, but do not allow it to boil. Cool off, cover with puff paste and bake. Or put it into a buttered basin and boil it.

To Make Sauer Kraut.

Cut some large full-grown cabbages into thin slices and place them in layers (of about four inches in thickness) in a tub. When the tub is full put on a cover which fits tightly, on this place a 50 lb. weight, and stand the tub in a warm spot. When fermentation commences, the cabbage sinks and the liquor rises to the surface. When it smells sour put the tub in a cellar; keep it covered. Another way is to tie over the top of the barrel a cloth dipped in spices. Wash the sauer kraut before cooking.

Pigs Feet and Rare Jelly.

Clean the feet and ears carefully and wash them for some hours. Then boil them in a little water till every bone can be detached. Add to the liquor some chopped sage, parsley, and a seasoning of pepper, salt, and mace in fine powder. Simmer till the herbs are scalded, then pour the whole into a mould to remain till cold.

Four 11 gallons of hot water (not boiling) upon two bushels of fine pale malt. Leave it for three hours closely covered. In the meantime infuse a pound of hops in some hot water, and when it has cooled, add the whole for three hours, finally straining off the hops.

To Dry Madecass.

Scrape the fish and remove the entrails. Cut open below the vent, so that the blood may be thoroughly scraped from the bone. Cut the points of the tails, take out the eyes, and gills, wash the fish, and put salt in and outside the bodies. Let them remain for three days, then run a string through the eyes and hang in a dry place. Any other fish may be preserved in this way.

Boast up together four eggs and 1 lb. potatoes for three-quarters of an hour, then by degrees mix in 600 well-dried fine flour. Add an ounce of curraway seeds, and bake in soup plates or tins in a brick oven.

Lemon Milk for Coughs.

Wash a large handful of lemon, cut them up and boil in a gallon of milk till it becomes as thick as cream. Then strain it. Taken twice a day in doses of about a basinful it will be found soothing in catarrhal cases, coughs, colds, etc.

To Make Good Soap.

Put half a pint of lye (strong enough to float an egg into a pipkin, add 200 gals. lamb suet and 100 gals. oil. Simmer over a clear fire until they become thick. Then pour the mixture into a flat pan, cover with glass, and expose to the sun for eight weeks, stirring once a day. The soap will then be formed, and may be perfumed as desired. Put into jars to preserve.

To Remove Stains from Wood.

Stains of nearly every description may be removed from wood by the following method: Mix a quarter of an ounce of oil of vitriol with two ounces of water, and rub the stain with a cork dipped in this liquid until they disappear. Then wash the part with cold water. The colour of the wood will fade after the application, but it may be restored by using ordinary furniture varnishes and pastes.

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HOME HINTS.

A Good Hair Tonic.

This is a recipe only for those who have short hair. Mix well together one ounce of beef marrow, three drachms of tincture of cantharides, and one drachm of powdered cinnamon. First wash the hair with a quart of water in which has been dissolved a tablespoonful of salt. When the strengthening poultice, which should be well brushed into the head at night and morning. The salt water should be used only before the first application, and is not necessary afterwards. The prescription originates with an old French physician, and is said to be useful in promoting the growth and thickness of the hair.

How to Make Candies.

Melt some good mutton fat gently so that it does not become discoloured, then strain it, let it stand in a basin to cool, turn it out in a dish, and cut off the part where the sediment lies. Next take some moulds of any desired shape and height and place in each a wick, which must be held upright by means of a piece of wire. Tie a thick knot at the bottom of each wick. Then warm the fat again sufficiently to pour it out of a jug into the moulds. Leave the latter for a while in a cool place, then take out each candle carefully and keep in a box for use.

Hint for Curtain-Washing.

After the curtains are washed put a sheet on the floor and tack the curtains down, one over the other, fixing scallops or pointed edges by means of small safety-pins. Then press all together with a hot iron. When the top one is sufficiently ironed remove and do the next, and so on to the last. This will be found a great saving of time besides keeping the curtains in proper uniform shape.

To Make Material Fire-Proof.

Cotton and linen fabrics prepared with a solution of borax, phosphate of soda or sal-ammoniac will not flare up when placed in contact with fire. Chloride of zinc is another active incombustible in such a case. Paper and wood may be soaked in any of the above and be rendered fire-proof. To make canvas fire-proof soak it in a solution composed of phosphate of ammonia 1 lb., chloride of ammonia 1 lb., and water 1 gallon. Dry gradually. Another effectual article for the same purpose is alum, 3 parts; salt, 1 part; pearlash, 1 part; and water, 5 parts. Do not wring out the material but let it dry of its own accord.

Dressing Hare or Rabbit Skins.

Rabbit skins may be cured so as to remain soft and pliable by the following method:—Soak them for a short time in water, and then, if they require it, then place them on the inside by scraping; then place them for three or four days in a bath made by mixing 2 lb. of bran in 1 gallon of water. Next a paste made with 1 lb. of alum and 500 gals. of common salt, mixed with water and worked together, is spread on the inside of the skin and left for about 18 hours; then hang up the skin to dry, with the fleece or hair outward, and, if possible, in the sun. After this, smooth the inside with pumice-stone, then switch or brush the outside.

Blistered Heels.

These may often be prevented by sticking a strip of adhesive tape around the back of the heels of new shoes. When desired the tape can be removed by dabbing it with a little methylated spirit.

Some Uses for Old Hot-water Bags.

Travellers are always delighted to have rubber linings for sponge and tooth-brush cases, and old hot-water bags (supposed to be American Home Monthly) may be used for the same home-made manufacture. The rubber should be covered with linen of any serviceable colour, or a slip cover of white linen, upon which the traveller's personal initials have been embroidered will be found effective. A Scotch plaid cover is also possible and will be found serviceable. These dainty cases are very quickly stitched together on the machine, and are appreciated gifts for a birthday remembrance, or a going-away token of thought. Pieces of rubber from a discarded hot-water bag may also be made into finger stalls to wear during the paring of fruit or vegetables, and will save the hands from staining. Cut strips about 3 in. long by 1 1/2 in. wide; stitch with linen thread. These little protectors will be found very useful in kitchen work, and can be changed and will last for a long time. Many a housewife has been distressed by the ruin of a favourite table from the water soaking through from potted plants which, during the winter, have graced them. Here is a remedy against this. Cut a piece of rubber from a discarded hot-water bag, and place beneath the jardiniere to prevent the injurious moisture from reaching the polished surface of the wood.

Cure for Chills.

This distressing complaint is generally the result of bad circulation or from the sudden application of cold to a part previously hot and moist. To cure chills, soak the fingers or toes for a short time in warm water, dry gently with a soft cloth, and envelop the affected part with a piece of lint which has been saturated with pure extract of lead. When the lint is dry, repeat. This should remove the inflammation and burning sensation. But if the chills are broken, apply boracic ointment instead.

To Remove Scorch Marks.

Dissolve as much borax in a cupful of hot water as it will take. Boil the stain with the warm liquid, and lay in the sun to dry. Repeat as often as it dries until the marks disappear.

To Clean White Serge Coat.

The best thing for this is a vigorous rubbing of dry pipe-clay. Shake well to remove, and repeat once or twice until the coat is clean.

To Keep Flowers Fresh.

Pounded charcoal is an excellent thing for this purpose. Put some finely powdered, into a long vase and saturate it well with cold water. Place any cut flowers in this and they will keep a long time, providing the water be changed every day.

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in the recovery of the bodies, and
once jumped into the water and
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lives from the Martha he ran the
tremendous risk and lost valuable sal-
work.

TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

in Pantomimes.
 All through the greater part of yesterday the streets of London were deserted, and the City was as dull and uninviting a place as could well be imagined. It was not until the evening that things were brightened up by merry youngsters hurrying along with their guardians to enjoy a few hours in stage fairy land. Generally speaking, the pantomimes this season are below rather than above the average, few containing any novelty

te while the topical songs are of very poor order. Still, the entertainments serve their purpose, and to the glad hearts of all the little and not a few of their elders.

Glean Sheet.

One thing upon which we can all congratulate ourselves is the absence of any serious railway accident to mar the happiness and joy of the season. When one considers the hundreds of thousands of travellers there are at this time of the year.

the great pressure of passenger goods traffic, immunity from ship is a thing to be devoutly to be desired, and reflects great credit on those in whose care we place our ships. The same remark applies to the responsibility for the safety of the public at theatres, where at this time of the year vast quantities of flimsy inflammable material are employed. Only those behind the scenes know what vigilance and care are required to prevent any catastrophe occurring.

Sober Holiday.
It is satisfactory to be able to re-
cord that the charges of drunkenness
at London police courts yester-
day were considerably less than on
previous occasions. This is another
indication that as a nation we are
beginning to take our pleasures in a
sober manner, and without indulg-
ing in that excess which at one time
was all too common. It does not re-
quire another Licensing Act to help
forward the work of temperance, for
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"Noble" Art.
The only people who appear to have argued with credit from the disreputable exhibition at Sydney yesterday are the police, who stopped the free fight between Burns and Johnson after they had pounded away at another for 16 rounds. We yield nobody in our admiration for the manly sports, but to describe

... fights as such would be nothing
... of grotesque. When we read:
... Johnson kept playing for Burns's
... final month, which was thrice its
... normal size," and later that "Burns's
... were both swollen, and his mouth
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been found for practically every constituency in Great Britain. Only more or so of seats remain without a Tariff Reform champion, and though these might be regarded as "dormant hopes," there is little doubt that they will be contested. I think pity that more Unionist working-class candidates have not been selected for the Party containing many such men, who would render a good account of themselves both at the polls and in the House of Commons. However, I have reason to know that this

ter is receiving the attention of powers that be, and in more than working-class constituency we see a Unionist Labour candidate.

"The Port of London"
Chairman.

hear that Sir Edwin Cornwall, the local M.P. for N.E. Bethnal Green, has been asked to become the chairman of the new Port of London Authority, and further that he accepts the position. It is a post worth having, for the duties will

mainly not be onerous, while the salary is £2,000 a year. As friction is not unlikely arise between the authority and the L.C.C., it is mainly a good move to appoint such a man as Sir Edwin Cornwall, who was an admirable chairman of the Council during 1903-4, and, moreover, to give the friendship of political and of foe alike. By trade a coal merchant, Sir Edwin has been the architect of his own fortunes, and his commercial experience will stand him in good stead in his new office.

M.P.'s Amusing Experience
The Peer who placed his love affairs in the hands of a matrimonial agent, and whose disastrous results could find, if searched, a sympathizer in the House of Commons. I can vouch for the accuracy of the following amusing experience which recently befel an M.P., though obviously his name must be withheld. The legislator in question is a widower with a grown-up family. Desiring to make a second marriage into the realm of bliss he had his case before a matrimonial

...who undertook to advertise for
...possessing the requisite attri-
...The advertisement duly ap-
...and brought forth replies
...a score or more of would-be
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Sequel.

...for the sequel. The M.P. care-
...ly considered the claims of the
...ious applicants for his hand, and

length selected three, to whom he wrote suggesting a personal interview, which, in each case, was readily agreed to. The first lady, whom he had wealth, but her personal charms were not such as he had been led to believe from her letters; the second also failed to come up to his expectations. However, having Celtic blood in his veins, he did not despair, pinned his hopes on the third visitor. The meeting took place by arrangement in the lounge of one of the newest of hotels in the West-End.

to and behold, he found himself
to face with his own daughter!
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y, scorning the advent of a step-
ther, who might possibly prove un-
genial, had determined to wed
hout delay—hence her answer to
advertisement.

WIDE AWAKE.

ANGLING

YESTERDAY'S REPORT

water remains favourable during the Christmas season. The season is now well advanced and the fishermen are busy. The various waters contain a abundance of salmon. Much or may be there is a good stream run in the mountains. The fishermen are busy. The various waters contain a abundance of salmon. Much or may be there is a good stream run in the mountains. The fishermen are busy. The various waters contain a abundance of salmon. Much or may be there is a good stream run in the mountains. The fishermen are busy.

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GRANT RIVER.—Fishing has improved considerably. The river is in grand order, cold and beach anglers are out in large numbers. The river is in grand order, cold and beach anglers are out in large numbers. The river is in grand order, cold and beach anglers are out in large numbers.

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THE STOUR (Suffolk).

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THE ARUN.

POLKBOURNE—The food waste here goes to the city dump. The city dumps all kinds of rubbish. Several good pigs and some bags of manure are sold.

SAL FISHING.

MARGARET—Sport has been good, and boat party anglers have taken heavy bags of cod, salmon and trout. There is also a fair catch of UNAL.—Whiting are still plentiful, and are also taking well. Salmon fishing is very poor. Hamilton has caught a rod of G.W.M. fish.

MASTING.—Mastings are being made very early but poor anglers have had good catches of dace and perch.

HATCHERYMEN.—Local anglers have now got their hatcheries started. They are raising many other fish. Prospects are good; tide will improve.

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

Tuesday.—City of London, against Fleet Marine Club, at Fleet, Mants.

Wednesday British Rowing Club, against the club's association at 4, Peterhead.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,133 births and 1,359 deaths were registered last week. The births were 184 and the deaths 257 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 15.2, 15.9, and 16.3 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, was 15.8 last week.

The 1,359 deaths included 51 from measles, 14 from scarlet fever, 24 from diphtheria, 4 from whooping cough, 14 from enteric fever, and 19 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 52 deaths. Of these 10 were by suicide, while the remaining 42 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In greater London 3,235 births and 1,940 deaths were registered. Allowance for increase of population, these numbers are 345 and 338 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

Miscellaneous information on over a million matters will be found in "The People" Year Book for 1909. See Page 12.

Sub-Lieut. Loufang Che Long, a young Chinaman who has undergone military training at the Brussels Military Academy, and Mlle. Amundine Genterie, a Belgian girl of good social position, has just been married in Brussels.

Two Italian policemen arrested a man leading a donkey laden with dynamite cartridges near Benevento. They got on the donkey's back but while they were riding to the police station the dynamite exploded and they were blown to pieces.

PORTER TO PLAY THE ORGAN.
The managers of the Poor Law schools at Ousdall decided to advertise for a porter, and to state that ability to play the organ would be a recommendation for the appointment.

PRISON AS STUDY.
An aeroplane inventor named Francis was recently sentenced to death in Mexico for murder. The sentence has now been commuted to one of 20 years' imprisonment, and he will be given opportunity to pursue his studies in prison.

A PATRIOTIC MAYOR.
In order to promote recruiting for the local Territorial Force, the 22nd County of London Battalion, the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Morris), is to present the company with a silver cup for mastery competition between the men when the company reaches a strength of 500, the number now enrolled being 300.

Two black-footed penguins have been hatched out at the Zoo. The stamp collection of M. Erard d'Etioles has been sold in Paris for £30,000.

Although the University of Berlin was only opened to women last September, it already has 400 women students.

The King has approved the appointment of the Rev. R. H. Whitcombe, M.A., Vicar of Romford, to be Bishop Suffragan of Colchester.

According to official returns, 3,000 deer and 20 moose were killed by sportsmen in Ontario during the two weeks' shooting season which recently closed.

The heaviest newspaper recorded as having been carried for a halfpenny, says Mr. Buxton, weighed 3lb. 6oz. The ordinary charge by letter post would have been 1s. 2d.

Owing to the fact that the available supply of cedar wood is becoming scarce, all cigar boxes, except those used for the most expensive brands, will before long be made of paper.

A widow named Domenica Sassi committed suicide at Milan because the lease of her house was up and she had to move. She left a letter saying she preferred death to the confusion of moving.

At the annual banquet of the American Wine Growers' Association in New York, 15 different kinds of American red and white wines and seven kinds of American champagne were served.

HEALTHY TAUNTON.
Only four deaths were registered in the borough of Taunton last week. The population is 23,000. Of the four persons who died two were men and two women, and their ages were 82, 85, 86 and 88 years, the average being nearly 85 years.

MEMORY OF THE SOUTH SEA BUBBLE.
Powderham's lost charities have been the subject of an inquiry by the Charity Commissioners, but no trace of them can be found later than the year 1714. It is supposed that the money was invested in South Sea stock, and lost about 1720.

COSTLY EDUCATION.
Complaints having been made as to the increasing cost of elementary education in Kent, the subject was discussed at the meeting of the County Education Committee. It was shown that the average cost per head for the neighbouring counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, and Hertford was 23 1/2s., compared with 43 1/2s. 10d. for Kent.

The G.E.R. Co. has placed an order for 11,000 tons of steel rails with Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co. Another serious fall of cliff has taken place near St. Margaret's Bay, Dover.

More than £1,000,000 was sent from America to Europe in Christmas postals last year, of which amount about £177,681 came to Great Britain.

Owing to the accidental discharge of a rifle Sergt.-maj. Nicholas, of the 18th Hussars, was shot through the heart by a private at Carragh Camp.

Sergt. Silfiant, 2nd Gloucestershire Regt., was sentenced, to three months' hard labour at Aldershot for stealing £19 10s.

During the Arabic voyage from New York a first-class passenger jumped overboard. The liner was stopped, but efforts at rescue failed.

Efforts of the Lord Lieutenant and the Under-Secretary have resulted in a settlement of the Dublin carters' strike. The rates of pay are to be referred to arbitration.

London County Council has been assessed by the Thames Conservancy in a fine of £15,330 and a conservancy in the new County Hall, Embankment.

Chas. Bridgman, a labourer, at Soham, Wiltshire, has died of tetanus. While he was jumping a week ago a newly-cut reed pierced his foot.

The will of the late Mr. Louis Gurel, of Cardiff, a coal shipper, has just been proved, the estate being nearly half a million in value. He went to Cardiff 25 years ago.

The Duke of Devonshire has presented to the village of Cark, Flookburgh, and Holker, a new club containing billiard and reading rooms, which has been built at a cost of £2,500.

At Huddersfield, Joseph Wm. King, 41, was remanded on a charge of stealing a cistern from a house in course of erection. The Chief Constable said an enormous quantity of stolen property was found at his house.

KICKED ITSELF TO DEATH.
A wild ass which was being shipped from the London Zoo to the Bronx Zoological Park, New York, kicked itself to death in its stall on the liner Messabo.

FASTING BRIDEGROOM.
During a marriage service at the parish church of Cote, Haverock, a young man suddenly fainted. When he regained consciousness he explained that he had fasted for two whole days in order to do justice to the wedding breakfast.

CHEAP MEAT.
The Board of Guardians have accepted a tender for the supply of meat to the workhouse at what were considered upon as very low prices—beef, 6d. per lb., mutton at 6 1/2d. per lb., and suet at 2 1/2d. per lb. The board were informed that the meat would all be English killed.

Mr. Wm. Parslow, for nearly 40 years master-builder of Kingston, has just died.

The Seventh International Congress of Applied Chemistry will meet next May in London.

Lady Armitage, of Brighouse, tripped in her dressing-room and fractured her leg.

There are so many charities at Crediton, Devon, that it has paid some residents not to claim old-age pensions.

King Alfonso has conferred on Mr. L. W. Green, late superintendent at Victoria, the Cross of the Royal Order of Isabel the Catholic of Spain.

Open verdicts were returned at a Southern inquest on the unidentified bodies of two men found on the foreshore.

Nearly all the windows of a house were blown out by a gas explosion at Wainstead, and Mrs. J. A. Schubert was seriously burnt.

The treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has received from the Worshipful Company of Salters £210, being the first instalment of a grant of 1,000 guineas voted to the hospital.

The Rev. W. J. Stracey Clitheroe has agreed to accept £10,000 compensation in respect of about nine acres of land belonging to him in Boston.

Brentford, which had been scheduled by the Metropolitan District Council.

The Foreign Office has issued as a parliamentary paper an exchange of notes between Sir Edward Grey and M. Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, renewing for a further period of five years the arbitration agreement concluded between the two Governments on Oct. 14, 1903.

"KING'S CLIFF."
Mr. C. C. U. Heitman, one of the councillors for the Kemp Town ward, Brighton, has laid before the Improvement Committee of the Brighton Corporation a proposal that the portion of Kemp Town known as Marine-parade shall be renamed "King's Cliff" in honour of the King's visit.

BATH'S HISTORICAL PAGEANT.
Interest in the forthcoming pageant at Bath is growing in the city and the surrounding district. The guarantee fund is rapidly approaching £1,000, and Mr. A. M. Broadley has informed the committee that he is prepared to undertake the task of writing the "book." The pageant week is to be that beginning on July 19.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC SCREEN.
An interesting function took place at Hutton Town Hall, when over 400 students of Clark's College, in Chancery-lane, met to make a presentation to the principal, Mr. Geo. E. Clark. The presentation took the form of a large three-fold screen containing over 2,000 photographs. The photograph of each subscriber to the fund had been taken separately and mounted on the screen. In addition to the large screen a loving cup over two feet in height was presented.

Leicester is suffering from a severe epidemic of measles.

Sir W. A. Baillie Hamilton, chief clerk at the Colonial Office, will retire on Jan. 18 after 44 years' service.

An old mezzotint portrait of the Countess of Salisbury, by Valentine Green, after Sir Joshua Reynolds, was sold for £157 10s. at Christie's.

The Rev. W. J. Conybeare, of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the rectory of Newington.

There were 463 divisions in the House of Commons during the past Session, of which 433 were on public and 30 on private business.

Father Kelly, of St. Agnes Rectory, Paterson, New Jersey, jumped overboard and was drowned during the voyage of the Arabic from New York to Liverpool.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Geo. White, chief mechanical engineer of the L. and N.W.R. Co., has tendered his resignation to the board of directors.

In his absence, a motor-car driver was fined at Lambeth Police Court 5s. and the cost of the summons for refusing to drive a fish salesman from Kensington Gate to Hillingdale shortly after four in the morning.

"I had a doctor in my car who had been called from a party to attend a dying man," was the defence of a motorist summoned at Blackpool for exceeding the speed limit. The case was withdrawn.

While Mr. A. G. Dippie, a prominent exhibitor of dogs, was driving a motor-car at (Northbridge) it skidded and dashed into a telephone post. Mr. Dippie was badly crashed, and his daughter had her shoulder crushed.

Mr. J. Wilson, engineer-in-chief of the G.E.R., has issued a circular intimating that the various alterations of hours and reductions of wages intended to apply to men employed in his department after Jan. 1 next, will remain in abeyance until further notice.

SOUTHERN'S NEW FANSTAND.
The Southern Corporation has decided to erect a new bandstand on the cliffs, at a cost of £750, and to spend £2,300 on next season's bands in the borough.

PREACHING AT NINETY-FIVE.
The Rev. W. W. Wingfield, vicar of Givulval, has received many congratulations upon the attainment of his 95th birthday. Mr. Wingfield preached in the parish church on Sunday, and officiated at a funeral last week.

IN A HURRY.
At Basset (Kent) Henri Bilal, chauffeur, of Bristol, was fined £15 and costs for driving a motor-car at a dangerous speed. A gentleman who was being driven by defendant said he was trying to catch the Boulogne boat at Folkestone, and the chauffeur had 45 minutes in which to do nearly 30 miles.

Lawyers could not live unless their clients were pugnacious, said his Honour Judge Wilmot.

A disused railway carriage has been converted into a reading-room for the villagers of St. Ken, Cornwall.

According to a report just issued, 17,500,000 tons of coal have been shipped from the River Tyne during the past 11 months.

Exeter G.W.R. Station, through which 219 trains pass daily, is to be rebuilt and enlarged.

John Hy. Graham, 44, cashier, was at Liverpool sentenced to one month's imprisonment for embezzlement.

The last of the tenders for the construction of the maul base at Rosyth have been sent to the Admiralty. The work will be commenced in February.

Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) to be her commander and quarry, and Mrs. Probert to be an extra lady-in-waiting.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., formerly secretary to the Engineers' Society, has been appointed chief of the organising department of the I.L.P. in London.

Edwd. Williams, relieving officer to the local Guardians for 25 years, was charged with forgery and fraud at Wrexham, and committed to the Asizes.

Mr. Hy. Boden, of The Friary, Derby, head of the firm of Messrs. Boden and Co., lace manufacturers and merchants, left estate valued at £220,975 gross, with net personally £227,311.

LEADS WATCH COMMITTEE.
The Leeds Watch Committee decided that the supervision of public-houses should devolve upon the superintendents of divisions, who should visit the houses in uniform once every three months. Hitherto they have been visited by plain-clothes constables.

DROWNED IN A DOLLY TUB.
At the inquest held at Derby on a child named Letticeconter Lee, it was stated that the mother woke up and found deceased hanging head downwards in a dolly tub half-full of soap-suds. The child was dead. The jury returned an open verdict.

PETROLEUM DANGERS.
The Home Secretary has appointed a Departmental Committee on the existing regulations as to the storage, use, and conveyance of petroleum, and to report what further precautions are desirable to diminish danger. The chairman is Sir Hy. Canningham, K.C.B., and the secretary, Maj. T. H. Crozier.

RETIRING OFFICIAL HONOURED.
Sir T. W. P. Blomfield, C.B., has been presented with a silver bowl as a token of affection and respect, on the occasion of his retirement, after 40 years' service in the Board of Trade. The presentation was made by Sir H. Llewellyn Smith and Mr. Pelham, on behalf of past and present colleagues of Sir Thomas.

Five men were injured by an explosion at the Frodingham Iron and Steel Co.'s works.

As the time limit has expired, there is no prospect of race in the autumn of 1909 for the America Cup.

The will has been proved of the late Mr. E. N. Smith, who was murdered at Chislewick on Oct. 28. The value of the estate is £614.

The substitution, for sanitary reasons, of paper for slates in L.C.C. schools has involved an additional outlay of £8,000 during the past year.

A rat weighing 1lb. and measuring 2 1/2in. from nose to tail has been caught by a member of the Chatham Rat and Sparrow Club.

Excavations for under-pinning the north transept of Winchester Cathedral have brought to light what is believed by some to be a Druidical altar and by others a Saxon font.

The appointments of Major-General Quirk and of Major-General L. Swaine to be colonel-commandant of the Rifle Brigade have been gazetted.

The Bishop of Southwark has ordered a special prayer for the unemployed to be said in all the churches of the Diocese of Southwark.

So much success has attended the open-air schools at Forest Hill, Woolwich, and Holloway, that the Education Committee of the L.C.C. is considering the question of the opening of a fourth next summer.

At Kensington Borough Council the mayor said that the Kensington Regt. of the Territorial Force had received permission to have colours of their own, and that Princess Louise would attend the presentation.

As a special concession to the officers and men of the Royal Navy, the Postmaster-General has decided that the three letters "H.M.S.," which used to be counted as three separate words, shall in future be reckoned as one word in the address of an inland telegram intended for one of His Majesty's ships.

PHASANT AND ENGINE.
A workman employed on the G.E.R. near Epping picked up a pheasant which had been knocked down by an engine, and laid it by his coat. When he returned an hour later he was just in time to see the bird fly away.

GIRL ATTACKED BY A RAT.
A servant girl employed by Mr. T. Cory, butcher of Saltash, was attacked in the dining-room by a large black rat, which held her clothes with its teeth until it was killed by Mr. Cory.

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por-tion of my store, To bring you out to Can-a-da, To part from me no more
words from o'er the sea: "I'm com-ing, Jack! yes, com-ing, to The lad who wrote to me!

CHORUS.

"Tis a New Year's mes-sage that I send a-cross the sea, Dear mo-ther, to drive a-way all

grief..... 'Tis a lov-ing New Year's mes-sage to the dear home-land, From the

land of the Ma-ple leaf..... 'Tis a leaf.....

A FRIEND OF A PEER

MYSTERY OF A DEENDANTIC IDENTITY

A remarkable case was heard at Sheffield, in which a well-educated, well-dressed young man of 23, of aristocratic appearance, who gave the name of "Arthur Arrowsmith," was charged with the kidnapping of Miss Sheard, a handsome young lady, who lives in Pinfold-st., Sheffield. — Miss Sheard said that on the previous night, just about midnight, she was standing at the door waiting for her maid, when she saw a man in a cab. While she was there defendant approached and asked her if she could lend him "digs." She replied that she could not. — "Let me come in and see," he said. — "Then I can't talk," she replied. — He forced his way in, took hold of her hand, said she was a very fascinating girl, and he would like to kiss her. She knocked him back against the wall. Upon this he said: "I believe you are angry, and you will have to go," and went out of the house.

"I Will Bask Your Face."

When her uncle arrived she told him



THE PRISONER GUTTMAN.

what had happened, and they went out together and found defendant near the King's Head Hotel. They gave him in charge.—Defendant, who spoke in a low voice with great deliberation, denied the story told by the magistrate that he had never seen Miss Sheard until she and her uncle went up to him on the previous night. "The whole thing," he added, "is a fabrication. I was in the street last night, but I did not see a woman come up, and as they passed me the man said, 'What have you been doing at my wife?' I said, 'Nothing.' He said, 'I will back your facts up.' I said, 'You won't.' And he called a 'barnard' and put him in charge. And Alice Sheard, widow, said she was going home from the hotel, where she was employed as a barnard, just before midnight.

A Strange Name.

She passed a Mr. Brown, which was then shut. About 20 yards further on she saw defendant, who asked her if she could find him lodgings. She said "What" in a tone of great

surprise, and he repeated his question. He told him to get on and he turned away.—Defendant: My good woman, I have never seen you in my life, and I don't know what you are talking about. This story is a fabrication.—Addressing the bench, the defendant admitted that he was a woman which he said was a lie (into comedy), was not correct. He mentioned another which, however, nobody caught, with the exception of the Christian name, Alexander. He went on to say that his father was one of the richest men in the world, and he said he had declared, "he has kept me in an institution in Scotland, and paid five guineas a week for me; but I got tired and left it on Saturday." Defendant declared that Lord (Hermside was one of his friends) was a man he did not know where he was at present.—He was remained, in order that the police might make inquiries.

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DRIVEN TO DEATH BY ALIEN

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 and love to all."
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